

After all, there is a limit to all these things.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Have I exceeded my limits?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes. The question is:

“That the Bangalore City Tenants’ Protection Bill, 1959, be taken in to consideration.”

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I press for a division.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Those in favour will it stand in their seats.

(34 members on the Opposition side stood in their seats).

Mr. SPEAKER.—Those who are against it will stand in their seats.

(A large number of members from the Treasury Bench stood in their seats).

The motion was negatived.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The motion is negatived by a large majority.

Member's Representation

Sri G. E. HOOVER (Chikpet).—Sir, the Government promised to reply today regarding my request re: declaring a general holiday for Good Friday.

*Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—Sir, generally it is the intention of all the State Governments and also of the Government of India to reduce the number of holidays. Whenever there are holidays concerning particular communities, it is better to allow the people of that particular community to remain absent by declaring that day as a partial holiday for the people of that particular community. In view of this, Government of Mysore have come to the conclusion that Good Friday should be declared as a partial holiday for Christians. Next year, we will consider whether the Government has declared a general holiday or not.

I tried to find this out today, but I could not get the correct information.

Sri G. E. HOOVER.—This is a lame excuse being given for the last two years by the Government. Without any disrespect to any religion I would like to bring to the notice of the Government that last year for Basava Jayanti members demanded a holiday but Government did not declare a holiday saying that it was not possible to do so, but this year it has been declared as a general holiday.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It has not been declared as a general holiday. It is a partial holiday the same as other partial holidays.

Sri G. E. HOOVER.—If that is not a general holiday it is all right. But I have already explained that Good Friday is a general holiday for the Central Government. It is also a general holiday in Kerala and in Madras. I have been demanding this for the last two years. Government is still making enquiries in the matter. This is a very sorrowful thing. I have already explained the importance of this holiday for Christians. It is a day of mourning. The whole world observes this as a mourning day.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is all conceded.

Sri G. E. HOOVER.—This lame excuse has been given for the last two years.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have sufficiently heard what you want to say. What is the use of saying all that again when the Government says that it cannot give a general holiday?

Sri G. E. HOOVER.—I may tell the House that in 1955 when I requested the Government in this behalf, Sri Hanumanthaiah who was then the Chief Minister declared a general holiday.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Government have made up their mind not to give a general holiday and so I cannot help.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—The Chief Minister said that he wanted to ascertain what the Government of India thought in this matter. Does the Government mean to say that it does

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not know what the Government of India is doing in this matter. Even the Central Pay Commission has incidentally made a clear recommendation in this behalf. What is the difficulty of Government in ascertaining this fact from the Government of India within a week's time? Any Government of India officer will tell them about it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Do you mean to say that I can force the hands of the Government?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಕೆ. ಸುರಪೂರ (ಇಂಡಿ).—ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನವೂ, ಈ ವಿಷಯದ ಮೇಲೆ ತಾವು ಒಂದು ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—(Kolar Gold Fields).—In the whole world about hundred crores of people are observing it. We must always go with the majority. When the Central Government, the Madras Government and the Kerala Government have declared it as a general holiday, why should this Government not do so? Let the Chief Minister think over it again. Last year, when this issue was raised here the Chief Minister said that he would consider it. For the last two years they have been saying that they will consider it. Let them declare it as a general holiday this year at last. If you, Sir, insist they should do so, they will do it.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This subject has been sufficiently discussed. Let us go to the next item.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—What is the reason that compelled the Government to change the decision of the previous Government in this matter?

Mr. SPEAKER.—We have already finished that point.

Pending Questions

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY (Coondapur).—Sir, we have been assured by you that the Government have furnished answers practically to all the

questions. I was thinking that some questions would come up today but none of them came up. If the Ministers had sent replied to all the questions sent to them, there must be a large number of questions pending with you. In that case, a few questions could have been included in the order of business even for today.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I made a statement about the position of questions. I made enquiries and found that there were only 19 questions to which replies had been received. We have waited today in order to make them twenty and we will place the question list before the House on Monday.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Why stick to twenty? Previously, we have had lists containing 10 or 15 or 18 questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Normally, 20 questions are included in a list. Sometimes the list may contain 15 questions.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—We had an assurance from the Government that they were sending answers to pending questions.

Mr. SPEAKER.—They are trying to send. I have made a specific request to them in this behalf.

Sri V. SRINIVASA SHETTY.—Sir, we have stated several times and we wish to say again that the Government have trampled down and are still trampling down almost all the rights we have got and if any evidence is necessary that can be had from the fact that even an innocuous measure like the one moved by an Hon'ble Member of the Opposition has been unceremoniously thrown out without even giving it a fair chance. There is misapprehension in certain quarters that we are continuously walking out. The only principle followed by us in walking out is that the Government has not been considerate wherever the rights of the Opposition are concerned, especially in the case of non-official business. If there is any impression that we are walking out because the Government is not willing to name the State as Karnataka, that is not correct. The principle followed in staging a walk out is that Government are not willing to concede any